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Hi Jen,

It was a pleasure to finally meet you in person on Monday afternoon!

Please find below some of the information pertaining to mines that you requested. I am still working on the methane rule information for you.

The GKM is located in the Upper Animas Watershed in southwestern Colorado. These watersheds within the volcanic terrain of the San Juan Mountains contain some 400 abandoned and inactive mine sites,

which have been the focus of both large- and small-scale mining operations between 1871 and 1991. The watershed consists of three main streams, the Animas, Cement Creek and Mineral Creek all of which

drain the Silverton Caldera. The Animas River and many of its tributaries are historically impacted by high concentrations of heavy metals from both acid rock/mine drainage at mine sites and from naturally

occurring metal loading sources not impacted by mining.

Source: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/goldkingminewatershedfactsheetbackground.pdf>

Our website has information on NPL Mining sites: <http://www.epa.gov/aml/amlsite/npl.htm>

This page provides information about mining sites proposed for and listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) as well as mining sites being cleaned up using the Superfund Alternative Approach (SAA). Information provided for each site highlights the state and EPA Region in which the site is located, provides a current status update of the site and links to additional information about the site.

We also have some good more general information on abandoned mine sites on our website:

<http://www2.epa.gov/superfund/abandoned-mine-lands>

Please let me know if you have any follow-up questions or if you require any additional information.

Thanks,

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